

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claim 1 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) An image capture apparatus comprising:

an image capture unit adapted to capture an image and output image data;

a microphone unit adapted to output sound data;

an internal recording unit adapted to (a) start recording the image and sound data on a recording medium in response to a record start instruction, and (b) stop recording the image and sound data on the recording medium in response to a record stop instruction;

a communication unit capable of connecting with an external storage device and outputting the image and sound data;

a control unit adapted to (a) determine whether the external storage device is connected to said communication unit, and (b) determine whether said internal recording unit becomes unable to record the image and sound data on the recording medium,

wherein if said control unit determines that the external storage device is connected to said communication unit, said control unit starts providing the image and sound data from said communication unit to the external storage device in response to the record start instruction, and

wherein if said control unit determines that said internal recording unit becomes unable to record the image and sound data on the recording medium and said communication unit is outputting the image and sound data, said control unit stops providing the image and

sound data from said communication unit to the external storage device in response to the record stop instruction.

2. (Previously Presented) An image capture apparatus according to claim 1, wherein even if said internal recording unit becomes unable to record the image and sound data on the recording medium, said control unit does not discontinue output of the image and sound data from said communication unit.

3. (Previously Presented) An image capture apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said communication unit outputs the image and sound data using an isochronous transfer conformed to IEEE1394-1995 standards.

4. (Previously Presented) An image capture apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said image capture apparatus is a camera-integrated digital video recorder.

5. (Previously Presented) A method of controlling an image capture apparatus, wherein the image capture apparatus comprises (a) an image capture unit adapted to capture an image and output image data, (b) a microphone unit adapted to output sound data, (c) an internal recording unit adapted to (i) start recording the image and sound data on a recording medium in response to a record start instruction, and (ii) stop recording the image and sound data on the recording medium in response to a record stop instruction, and (d) a communication unit capable

of connecting with an external storage device and outputting the image and sound data, said method comprising the steps of:

determining whether the external storage device is connected to the communication unit;

determining whether the internal recording unit becomes unable to record the image and sound data on the recording medium;

if it is determined that the external storage device is connected to the communication unit, starting providing the image and sound data from the communication unit to the external storage device in response to the record start instruction; and

if it is determined that the internal recording unit becomes unable to record the image and sound data on the recording medium and the communication unit is outputting the image and sound data, stopping providing the image and sound data from the communication unit to the external storage device in response to the record stop instruction.

6. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 5, further comprising a step of, even if the internal recording unit becomes unable to record the image and sound data on the recording medium, not discontinuing output of the image and sound data from the communication unit.

7. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 5, wherein the communication unit outputs the image and sound data using an isochronous transfer conformed to IEEE1394-1995 standards.

8. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 5, wherein the image capture apparatus is a camera-integrated digital video recorder.

9 - 12. (Cancelled)

13. (Previously Presented) An image capture apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the image and sound data is conformed to an MPEG2 transport stream.

14. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 5, wherein the image and sound data is conformed to an MPEG2 transport stream.